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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the parties mentioned here are in actual possession of the land at present? Was this reply given after making inquiries or simply looking into registers?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—After making inquiries.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand that the persons whose names are given here are in actual possession of the land at present?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is the information furnished by the local officers.

Snake-bite—Choondal Village.

635. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

was there not a case of fatal snake-bite in the Choondal village recently?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Improvement of tank—Koonamuchi.

636. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the necessity for improving a small tank behind the Koonamuchi bazaar in the Choondal Group Panchayat has not been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Government by the said Panchayat;

(2) for how many years has the Panchayat included the above item in their annual budget;

(3) have not the Koonamuchi Samudayam Kaikars, who are the owners of the tank, offered to surrender the tank and also deposit the amount necessary to acquire some land adjoining the tank so as to widen it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

(2) From 1105 onwards.

(3) Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(3) What has been done with the offer?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Nothing has yet been done with the offer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know why?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We could not comply with the offer as there were other more pressing demands elsewhere.

Poor-House Building.

637. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) when the Poor-House Building at Ernakulam was built ;

(2) what amount was spent on it ;

(3) what it is used for ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) The construction of the Poor-House Building was completed towards the end of 1104.

(2) Rs. 19,391—0—0.

(3) It is now lying vacant.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know for what purpose the house was built ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The very name of the house declares the intention. It is for the poor.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it built without having any view with regard to its use?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is built for a specific purpose, to house the destitute and poor of Ernakulam.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know why it is not carried out ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because the contribution from the Municipality has not yet been received. For that some amendment to the Regulation is required. Pending that it is to be kept indefinitely closed.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Can it not be used for any other purpose ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, no. It is intended for a specific purpose, and it has to be used for that purpose.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Before making use of it for that purpose could you not use it ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We do not anticipate any great delay. Even if it is intended to be utilised for any other purpose there will be delay before it is carried out. You cannot put it into effect immediately on the next day or in weeks or months. Sometimes it will be a long time to give effect to it. The matter is under correspondence. It will be used for the specific purpose for which it was intended. It cannot be used for any other purpose.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—How long will it take ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer that.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Probably ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no use of answering that question. It will be a mere guess and will be only very very vague. I do not want to do that.

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